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2. "The circular ended with the statement that the Central Committee of the All-Union DOSAAF insists that all faults and shortcomings in the work and organization of the Estonian DOSAAF be eliminated during 1954.

Chkalov Parachutist School

3. "Starting spring 1954 the best parachutists of the aero clubs of the Estonian SSR, who wish to become 'instructors of the parachute sport', may apply for admission to the Chkalov Higher Parachutist School of the Central Aero-Club (Vyshaya Parashutnaya Shkola Tsentralnogo Aerokluba Imeni Chkalova) in the town of Tushino near Moscow.
4. "This school trains parachute instructors for the European part of the USSR. The course of training lasts six months. The school is organized on military lines. While studying there the students are subject to military discipline. The school is under the patronage of the staff of the commander of the airborne landing forces of the Soviet Air Force. Instruction, board and lodging at this school are free of charge to the students.
5. "The school has an 'experimental parachute station' where
- (a) all new types of parachutes are tested, and
 - (b) the action of parachute jumping on human organism is studied.

Several of the most prominent Soviet parachute constructors work at the above experimental parachute station. They include Colonel N. Lobanov and the brothers N. and A. Dorozin.

Airfield near Johvi

6. "In 1953 the construction of a large airfield with concrete runways 2000 meters long was finished two km northwest of the town of Johvi, between the railway Johvi-Sompa and the highway Johvi-Kukruuse. The airfield has a lighting system for night lights.
7. "About 500 meters northeast of the Sompa railway station a number of underground dumps for airplane fuel and various other buildings have been erected.
8. "As of autumn 1953 no airforce units were permanently stationed on the above airfield. The local inhabitants maintain that in autumn of 1953, almost daily and sometimes by night, one-motor and two-motor jet planes arrived from the direction of Leningrad, landed at the airfield and left again in the direction of Leningrad after a certain time.
9. "The airfield has permanent servicing and guards commandoes."

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